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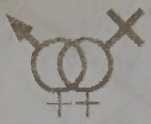

An open letter

TO: The Harry Benjamin International 8-18-94
Gender Dysphoria Association (HBIGDA)
1515 El Camino Real
Palo Alto , CA. 94306 (415) 326-4645

Dear Sir's,

The Transsexual community has had a belly full of the controlling multi million dollar sex change monopoly you have created. The Harry Benjamin Association's doctors Standard of Care for transsexualism (SOC) uses an old mental illness term" gender dysphoria" to represent the transsexual phenomina in a poor light. Exagerating the incidence of suicide to legitimise your policy of mandatory psychiatric diagnosis and endless therapy sessions for the patient now costing from $80 - $130 per visit. Your supporters have wrongfully frightened and mislead medical doctors. Providing mental health professionals with total decision making control over the lives of transsexual people and a fresh new Mercedes Benz in the driveway.

Just as Colorado for Family Values twisted statistics on homosexual child molestation to raise money you have twisted the statistics on transsexuals. Dozens of dishonest gender clinics have now sprung up across the countryside using your (SOC) as their bible. In the transgender communities world population of 10 - 100 million very few have ended up in mental institutions, comitted suicide, changed their minds after surgery, or sued their doctors. In actuality most transsexuals who cannot make it in life have origionated from cult like gender clinics supporting your Standards of Care. The transsexual people have been hoodwinked and bamboosled ! All for the love of money.

Many medical doctors have become aware of your multi million dollar sex change monopoly, and have disallowed your oppressive Standards of Care. Doctors now realise that the patient need only show an ongoing commitment to justify medical treatment and or surgery. Transsexual freedom has begun to ring from the snow capped rockies of Colorado. The transgender community beggs for fairness, and extends their hand to you in friendship, inviting you to share in our dream of personal freedom for all people.

Sincerely
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